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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above.

REMARKS

Cite Nos. F1 through F3 and O1 through O3, as listed on Form PTO/SB/08, were cited in the International Search Report for PCT/JP2005/012886, of which the presently submitted patent application is to be the National Stage. Among these, Cite Nos. F1 through F3 and O2 are not in English.

Furthermore, Cite Nos. F4 and F5, which in addition to Cite Nos. F1 through F3 are the other two references listed under Foreign Patent Documents on Form PTO/SB/08, are not in English either.

Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

As a concise explanation of the relevance of Cite Nos. F1 through F3 and O2, a copy of the International Search Report, in Japanese, accompanies this paper. Although the Search Report is not in English, the categories designating the relevancy as assessed by the International Searching Authority are readily apparent next to the corresponding document identification numbers on the report.

Cite No. O2 is also discussed in the "Background Art" section of the present specification, in paragraphs [0003], [0005] and [0006]. Furthermore, an English translation of Cite No. O2 has been made available to Applicant's representative and is attached to the back of this reference.

As to the relevance of non-English Cite Nos. F4 and F5, these references are also discussed under "Background Art" in the present specification, in paragraphs [0003] and [0005], and in paragraph [0006], respectively.

Furthermore, English abstracts of Cite Nos. F1 and F3 through F5 are available on the Japanese Patent Office website through Patent Abstracts of Japan (PAJ), and a copy of the corresponding PAJ abstract is attached to the back of each. Likewise, an English abstract provided by WIPO appears on the front page of Cite No. F2, which is the publication of an International application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, to indicate so on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08, and to make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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